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Joint Resolution

Designating the week of May 26, 1986, through June 1, 1986, as "Older Americans Melanoma/Skin Cancer Detection and Prevention Week".

May 21, 1986
[S.J. Res. 267]

Whereas skin cancer, including melanoma and nonmelanoma types, is the most common cancer in the United States, accounts for between 30 and 40 per centum of all cancers, and is increasing at a significant rate;

Whereas the incidence of skin cancer increases throughout adult life, the highest age-specific incidence rates for melanoma and other skin cancers occur in the United States population over the age of fifty years;

Whereas specific causes for the prevalence of the disease in this population are not entirely known, and more research is required on the causes, it is nevertheless clear that early detection and early treatment of melanoma and nonmelanoma skin cancers result in high cure rates;

Whereas older Americans should become aware that melanoma and nonmelanoma skin cancers are major health problems, and education about detection and prevention of such cancers should become a national concern;

Whereas the American Academy of Dermatology and State and local dermatologic organizations are committed to heightening the awareness and understanding of melanoma and nonmelanoma skin cancers among older Americans; and

Whereas the Second Annual National Melanoma and Skin Cancer Detection and Prevention Program, a coordinated national voluntary effort of professional dermatologic organizations to reduce the increasing incidence of melanoma and nonmelanoma skin cancers and to better control such cancers, will occur during the week of May 26, 1986, through June 1, 1986: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the week of May 26, 1986, through June 1, 1986, is designated as "Older Americans Melanoma/Skin Cancer Detection and Prevention Week", and the President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling upon all Government agencies and the people of the United States to observe the week with appropriate programs and activities.

Approved May 21, 1986.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY—S.J. Res. 267:

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